

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs

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1. Department or Agency

National Science Foundation

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs

3b. GSA Committee No.

1130

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/14/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/14/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

ADM IV-100

13. Effective Date

10/01/1977

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings 2 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To provide advice and recommendations on policies, programs, activities, and long-range planning.	10/19/2017	10/20/2017
To provide advice and recommendations on policies, programs, activities, and long-range planning.	04/18/2018	04/19/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$30,080.00	\$35,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$42,926.98	\$45,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,384.23	\$20,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$41,675.25	\$45,000.00
18d. Total	\$129,066.46	\$145,000.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.24

0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Two meetings were held in FY-18. Discussion focused on (1) NSF's policy concerning Harassment; (2) OPP's draft science and long-range planning priorities; (3) the Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) communications plan and ; (4) Polar Research Vessel & Icebreakers.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the Office Advisory Committee are selected to be representative of all scientific fields in the polar sciences, and they are drawn from the full range of institutions with which polar scientists are associated, including academic institutions of varying sizes, research institutes, other federal agencies, and a local (Native American) commission. The committee also includes women and members of minority groups underrepresented in science and engineering. All members serve three-year terms, with about one-third of the committee being replaced each year. Members of the Committee of Visitors includes individuals with expertise in all areas of sciences involved, selected for broad geographical distribution within an appropriate mix of colleges and universities. Represented are women and minorities, plus industrial scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Two full Committee meetings are generally held each year. In addition, one or more Committee of Visitors (COV) meetings are held every four years.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The polar regions and polar research are specialized and unique areas. This advice and information must be provided by knowledgeable people who are familiar with polar operations, issues, and research. While OPP does use a number of individual outside advisors and sits on other interagency committees pertaining to the Arctic/Antarctic, this group is the only means for assuring that NSF's best interests are considered.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Kelly K. Falkner Head, Office of Polar Programs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arnaudo, Ray	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	Department of State Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brachfeld, Stefanie	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Montclair State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cassano, John	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	University of Colorado at Boulder	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DeGrandpre, Michael	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	University of Montana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dixon, E. James	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	University of New Mexico	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flanner, Mark	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fleener, Craig	10/01/2017	09/30/2019	Alaska State Government	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fuentes, Jose	10/01/2017	09/30/2019	Pennsylvania State Univ University Park	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heimbach, Patrick	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	University of Texas Austin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kosseff, Alex	10/01/2017	09/30/2019	American Mountain Guides Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lyons, W	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	Ohio State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Manahan, Donal	10/01/2017	07/01/2018	University of Southern California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mellish, Jo-Ann	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	National Pacific Research Board	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mossey, Christopher	10/01/2017	09/30/2019	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Neumann, Thomas	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stearns, Leigh	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	University of Kansas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vieregg, Abigail	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weingartner, Thomas	10/01/2017	09/30/2020	University of Alaska Institute of Marine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Welker, Jeffrey	10/01/2017	09/30/2018	University of Alaska Anchorage Campus	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 19

Narrative Description

NSF accomplishes its mission through monetary awards (grants) for research and education and science and engineering. The Advisory Committee for the Office of Polar Programs (OPP) provides guidance, recommendations, and oversight in such areas as how OPP can best serve science, promote education, increase workforce diversity, and set investment priorities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations were made for FY 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is to the entire community through public documents (e.g. Budget Requests, Program Announcements, Dear Colleague Letter, etc.)

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A